# Vancouver Island/Coast
## Development Region

## 1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Capital, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, Powell River, Mount Waddington, Central Coast

Within the Vancouver Island / Coast Development Region economic activity ranges from resource dependent to highly diversified. In the south, public administration, post-secondary activities, and tourism are important economic drivers. Other regions of the Island are highly dependent on resource activities. Logging and forest products manufacturing are important economic activities as well as commercial fishing. There are several mines in the Comox-Strathcona regional district. Higher commodity prices have led to some exploration in the area. The communities on the east coast of the Island have become popular destinations for retirees, resulting in increased construction and health services activity.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC Stats population projection P33 completed in the Summer of 2008. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas, including age and sex detail, are modestly priced. Users requiring only total population projections are able to self serve for free from our population projection page: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/pop/popproj.asp The full B.C. level projection is available free on the above page.

## 2 Economic Structure - Number of Business Locations, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2011

| NAICS Code | Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System) | Vancouver Island/Coast | | | | | | British Columbia | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Locations | Firms with Employees | | | | | With Employees | |
| | | With No Employees | Less Than 20 | 20 to 49 | 50 to 199 | 200 Plus | All Sizes with Emp | Percent of Total | Percent of Total | All Sizes |
| | Total, All Industries | 31,350 | 25,641 | 2,046 | 788 | 129 | 28,604 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 173,589 |
| 11 | Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt | 1,815 | 1,063 | 78 | 28 | 7 | 1,176 | 4.1% | 4.0% | 6,932 |
| 21 | Mining & Oil & Gas Extract | 78 | 45 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 49 | 0.2% | 0.6% | 1,045 |
| 22 | Utilities | 28 | 30 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 210 |
| 23 | Construction | 5,051 | 3,575 | 168 | 48 | 0 | 3,791 | 13.3% | 12.1% | 21,011 |
| 31 | Manufacturing (31-33) | 748 | 845 | 95 | 38 | 11 | 989 | 3.5% | 4.1% | 7,146 |
| 41 | Wholesale Trade | 739 | 884 | 80 | 26 | 1 | 991 | 3.5% | 5.4% | 9,305 |
| 44 | Retail Trade (44-45) | 1,575 | 3,362 | 309 | 170 | 18 | 3,859 | 13.5% | 11.9% | 20,657 |
| 48 | Transp. & Warehousing (48-49) | 1,139 | 844 | 81 | 31 | 5 | 961 | 3.4% | 4.2% | 7,276 |
| 51 | Information & Cultural Indust. | 344 | 199 | 37 | 10 | 4 | 250 | 0.9% | 1.4% | 2,354 |
| 52 | Finance & Insurance | 2,043 | 882 | 139 | 23 | 3 | 1,047 | 3.7% | 3.8% | 6,667 |
| 53 | Real Estate & Rental & Leasing | 5,304 | 1,237 | 41 | 21 | 1 | 1,300 | 4.5% | 4.9% | 8,433 |
| 54 | Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv. | 4,856 | 3,128 | 96 | 35 | 2 | 3,261 | 11.4% | 11.3% | 19,584 |
| 55 | Mgmt. of Companies & Enter. | 1,763 | 323 | 18 | 8 | 1 | 350 | 1.2% | 1.5% | 2,537 |
| 56 | Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt. | 1,269 | 1,280 | 75 | 39 | 6 | 1,400 | 4.9% | 4.9% | 8,523 |
| 61 | Educational Services | 374 | 305 | 45 | 21 | 16 | 387 | 1.4% | 1.3% | 2,289 |
| 62 | Health Care & Social Assistance | 1,142 | 2,958 | 153 | 62 | 22 | 3,195 | 11.2% | 9.1% | 15,793 |
| 71 | Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 556 | 424 | 44 | 22 | 4 | 494 | 1.7% | 1.6% | 2,810 |
| 72 | Accom. & Food Services | 674 | 1,465 | 442 | 144 | 7 | 2,058 | 7.2% | 6.6% | 11,831 |
| 81 | Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.) | 1,849 | 2,524 | 83 | 26 | 4 | 2,637 | 9.2% | 10.5% | 18,288 |
| 91 | Public Administration | 3 | 268 | 57 | 33 | 16 | 374 | 1.3% | 0.5% | 898 |

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Note: This table formerly identified business establishments.

For historical record back to 1999, use link below, find Business Locations by Employee Size, choose XLS, select tab 'brnaics2'
http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/BusinessIndustry/BusinessCountsEmploymentByIndustry.aspx

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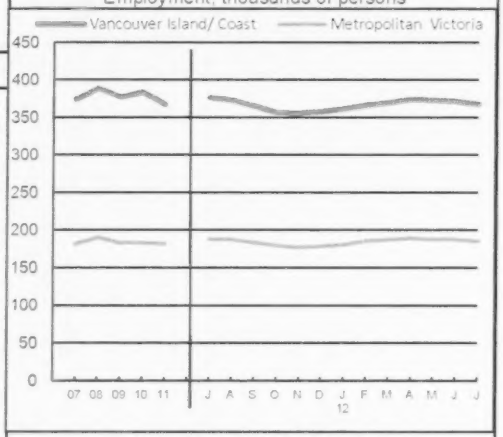
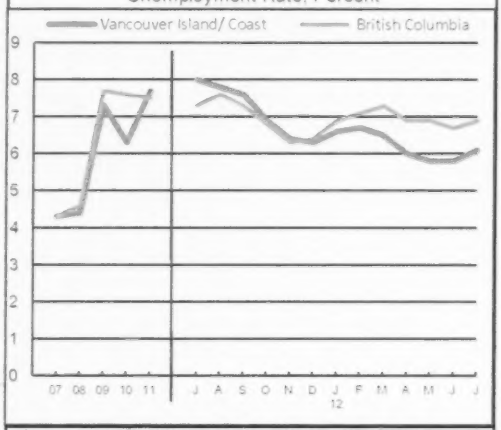
### 3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

| | | Vancouver Island/ Coast | | Metropolitan Victoria | | British Columbia | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Emp ('000) | Unemp % | Emp ('000) | Unemp % | Emp ('000) | Unemp % |
| | 2002 | 316.8 | 8.7 | 156.0 | 7.0 | 1,952.8 | 8.5 |
| | 2003 | 319.0 | 8.6 | 159.6 | 6.2 | 1,998.0 | 8.0 |
| | 2004 | 333.3 | 7.9 | 162.6 | 5.3 | 2,032.8 | 7.2 |
| | 2005 | 348.5 | 6.3 | 169.9 | 4.4 | 2,091.9 | 5.8 |
| | 2006 | 365.5 | 4.9 | 174.6 | 3.7 | 2,147.2 | 4.8 |
| | 2007 | 373.9 | 4.3 | 181.9 | 3.3 | 2,222.6 | 4.3 |
| | 2008 | 389.3 | 4.4 | 190.6 | 3.3 | 2,266.4 | 4.6 |
| | 2009 | 377.0 | 7.3 | 183.1 | 6.5 | 2,217.9 | 7.7 |
| | 2010 | 383.8 | 6.3 | 183.4 | 6.0 | 2,256.5 | 7.6 |
| | 2011 | 367.1 | 7.7 | 182.0 | 6.1 | 2,274.7 | 7.5 |
| 2011 | Jan | 374.7 | 6.9 | 180.8 | 6.3 | 2,250.0 | 7.5 |
| | Feb | 371.7 | 8.1 | 179.3 | 6.5 | 2,232.3 | 8.3 |
| | Mar | 370.9 | 9.1 | 179.5 | 6.4 | 2,227.7 | 8.7 |
| | Apr | 373.7 | 8.5 | 180.9 | 6.0 | 2,240.5 | 8.4 |
| | May | 374.5 | 8.1 | 184.2 | 5.9 | 2,261.0 | 7.8 |
| | Jun | 375.0 | 7.7 | 185.8 | 5.8 | 2,280.1 | 7.4 |
| | Jul | 376.5 | 8.0 | 188.4 | 6.2 | 2,295.3 | 7.3 |
| | Aug | 372.7 | 7.8 | 187.6 | 6.1 | 2,298.0 | 7.6 |
| | Sep | 364.7 | 7.6 | 183.8 | 6.3 | 2,300.7 | 7.3 |
| | Oct | 356.1 | 6.9 | 180.0 | 6.1 | 2,299.8 | 6.8 |
| | Nov | 355.3 | 6.4 | 177.3 | 6.2 | 2,296.6 | 6.3 |
| | Dec | 357.7 | 6.3 | 179.0 | 5.8 | 2,290.2 | 6.4 |
| 2012 | Jan | 361.3 | 6.6 | 180.9 | 5.9 | 2,275.0 | 6.9 |
| | Feb | 366.1 | 6.7 | 186.0 | 5.5 | 2,269.4 | 7.1 |
| | Mar | 370.0 | 6.5 | 187.9 | 5.5 | 2,267.0 | 7.3 |
| | Apr | 374.6 | 6.0 | 189.6 | 4.9 | 2,284.2 | 6.9 |
| | May | 373.3 | 5.8 | 187.9 | 5.0 | 2,304.5 | 6.9 |
| | Jun | 371.6 | 5.8 | 187.7 | 4.9 | 2,328.1 | 6.7 |
| | Jul | 368.1 | 6.1 | 185.4 | 5.3 | 2,339.8 | 6.9 |
| | Aug | | | | | | |
| | Sep | | | | | | |
| | Oct | | | | | | |
| | Nov | | | | | | |
| | Dec | | | | | | |
| Average: | Jan-Jul11 | 373.6 | 8.4 | 183.6 | 6.2 | 2,260.6 | 8.0 |
| | Jan-Jul12 | 370.1 | 6.2 | 187.3 | 5.2 | 2,303.5 | 7.0 |
| | % Change | -0.9 | | 2.0 | | 1.9 | |

Employment, thousands of persons




Unemployment Rate, Percent



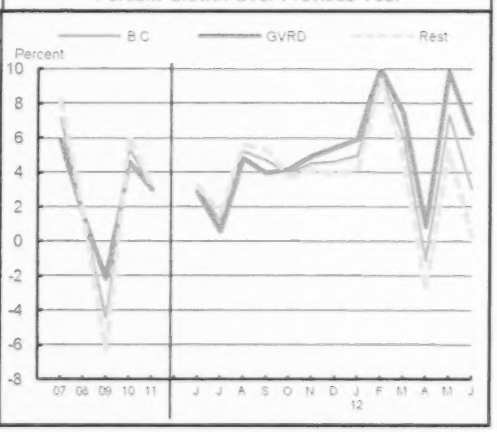

Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

### 4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

| Year or Year/Year-to-Date | | $ millions of retail sales | | | Percent change on year ago | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | B.C. | Greater Vancouver | Rest of Province | B.C. | Greater Vancouver | Rest of Province |
| Annual data | 2007 | 56,930.4 | 25,733.1 | 31,197.3 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 8.2 |
| | 2008 | 57,783.0 | 26,116.0 | 31,667.0 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| | 2009 | 55,221.9 | 25,556.4 | 29,665.6 | -4.4 | -2.1 | -6.3 |
| | 2010 | 58,220.4 | 26,732.4 | 31,488.0 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 6.1 |
| | 2011 | 60,005.3 | 27,545.0 | 32,460.3 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Jan-Jun | 2011 | 28,298.4 | 13,157.0 | 15,141.4 | | | |
| Jan-Jun | 2012 | 29,663.9 | 14,030.8 | 15,633.2 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 3.2 |

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, CANSIM 080-0020, unadjusted data.

Percent Growth Over Previous Year



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**Was 5** **Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more**

This table is discontinued. Sub-provincial manufacturing principal statistics are no longer being produced.

The methodology used to generate Room Revenue estimates is being refined and as a result the regularly scheduled release of the data since April 2011 has been interrupted. BC Stats will be publishing updated estimates, including revisions to previously-released data, as soon as we are ready. We apologize for any inconvenience to users.

**5** **Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)**

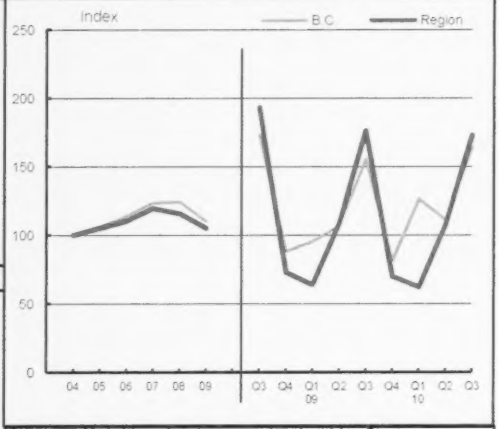
| | Year | Total/YTD | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region | 2006 | 323,738.0 | 46,874.0 | 85,771.0 | 137,614.0 | 53,479.0 |
| | 2007 | 351,480.0 | 51,181.0 | 93,740.0 | 150,414.0 | 56,145.0 |
| | 2008 | 339,045.0 | 51,583.0 | 91,935.0 | 141,809.0 | 53,718.0 |
| | 2009 | 307,348.0 | 46,937.0 | 79,704.0 | 129,333.0 | 51,374.0 |
| | 2010 | 251,425.0 | 45,628.0 | 78,840.0 | 126,957.0 | |
| British Columbia | 2006 | 1,807,466.0 | 366,131.0 | 450,720.0 | 652,402.0 | 338,213.0 |
| | 2007 | 1,807,466.0 | 366,131.0 | 450,720.0 | 652,402.0 | 338,213.0 |
| | 2008 | 1,977,385.0 | 435,234.0 | 503,243.0 | 687,790.0 | 351,118.0 |
| | 2009 | 1,743,074.0 | 378,697.0 | 423,761.0 | 617,008.0 | 323,408.0 |
| | 2010 | 1,594,584.0 | 502,294.0 | 441,819.0 | 650,871.0 | |

2009 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TOTAL | 308,562.0 | 100.0% |
| Fishing lodges | 10,856.0 | 3.5% |
| Hotels | 195,529.0 | 63.4% |
| 76+ Rooms | 138,366.0 | 44.8% |
| 1-75 Rooms | 57,164.0 | 18.5% |
| Motels | 32,547.0 | 10.5% |
| Vacation Rentals | 37,953.0 | 12.3% |
| Miscellaneous | 31,677.0 | 10.3% |

asterisk before location denotes sub-area detail

Tourism Room Revenue Index 2004=100



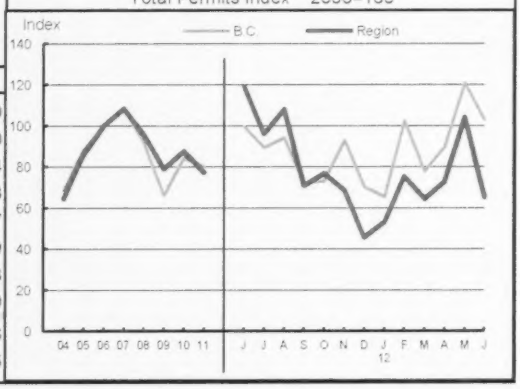

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Small Business and Revenu
Published in detail monthly by BC Stats.

All room revenue data has been revised. For an explanation, see our periodical called Tourism Sector Monitor, April and May issues of 2009.
Link to explanation of changes: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp

**6** **Building Permits**

| Year | Total Building Permits | Non Residential: Total Non Res. | Non Residential: Industrial | Non Residential: Commercial | Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment | Residential | Residential: Units |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | <-- $ Millions --> | | | | | | |
| 2004 | 1,098.4 | 238.6 | 18.5 | 139.1 | 80.9 | 859.8 | 5,199 |
| 2005 | 1,459.9 | 426.4 | 20.7 | 257.4 | 148.3 | 1,033.5 | 5,860 |
| 2006 | 1,701.7 | 474.5 | 31.4 | 281.8 | 161.3 | 1,227.2 | 6,214 |
| 2007 | 1,841.2 | 525.0 | 30.1 | 229.4 | 265.4 | 1,316.2 | 6,223 |
| 2008 | 1,627.7 | 465.7 | 50.7 | 295.7 | 119.4 | 1,162.0 | 4,897 |
| 2009 | 1,342.3 | 558.5 | 37.2 | 312.2 | 209.1 | 783.9 | 3,429 |
| 2010 | 1,488.5 | 474.1 | 34.5 | 280.1 | 159.4 | 1,014.4 | 4,398 |
| 2011 | 1,317.1 | 406.4 | 28.7 | 259.1 | 118.6 | 910.7 | 3,900 |
| Jan-Jun 11 | 656.7 | 199.2 | 8.1 | 130.6 | 60.5 | 457.5 | 1,986 |
| Jan-Jun 12 | 616.4 | 166.8 | 12.5 | 116.8 | 37.4 | 449.6 | 2,025 |

Total Permits Index 2006=100




Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Latest month preliminary, previous month is revised.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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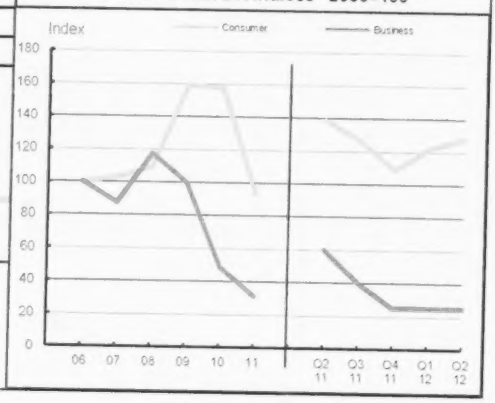
### 7 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies, Metro/Development Regions

| Year | Van Isl./Coast DR | | Victoria, CMA | | British Columbia | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Consumer | Business | Consumer | Business | Consumer | Business |
| 2007 | 1,410 | 70 | 683 | 35 | 6,651 | 470 |
| 2008 | 1,495 | 94 | 705 | 43 | 7,293 | 454 |
| 2009 | 2,179 | 80 | 926 | 26 | 10,639 | 380 |
| 2010 | 2,162 | 39 | 892 | 23 | 9,674 | 229 |
| 2011 | 1,281 | 25 | 533 | 14 | 5,836 | 147 |
| YTD-11 | 969 | 20 | 414 | 14 | 4,261 | 97 |
| YTD-12 | 857 | 10 | 357 | 4 | 4,007 | 101 |

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

**Van Isl./Coast DR Indices 2006=100**

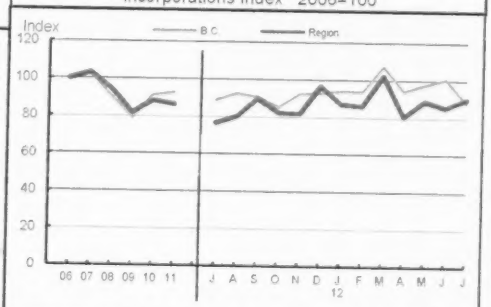



### 8 Incorporations

| Year | Incorporations |
|---|---|
| 2004 | 3,062 |
| 2005 | 3,715 |
| 2006 | 3,863 |
| 2007 | 3,983 |
| 2008 | 3,645 |
| 2009 | 3,159 |
| 2010 | 3,411 |
| 2011 | 3,335 |
| Jan-Jul 11 | 1,949 |
| Jan-Jul 12 | 1,996 |

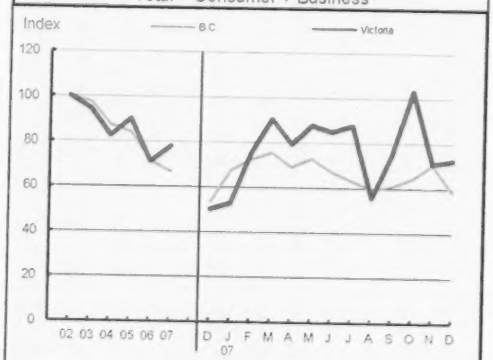
Source: Incorporations - Ministry of Finance

**Incorporations Index 2006=100**




### Bankruptcies (Discontinued)

**Total Bankruptcy Index 2002=100**
**Total = Consumer + Business**




### 9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies (Discontinued)

| Year | Victoria | | Nanaimo | | B.C. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Consumer | Business | Consumer | Business | Consumer | Business |
| 2003 | 760 | 54 | 300 | 18 | 9,385 | 1,002 |
| 2004 | 673 | 38 | 227 | 19 | 8,378 | 922 |
| 2005 | 728 | 48 | 231 | 11 | 8,173 | 786 |
| 2006 | 584 | 29 | 204 | 8 | 7,021 | 587 |
| 2007 | 640 | 32 | 202 | 5 | 6,651 | 470 |
| Jan-Dec 06 | 584 | 29 | 204 | 8 | 7,022 | 587 |
| Jan-Dec 07 | 640 | 32 | 202 | 5 | 6,651 | 470 |

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

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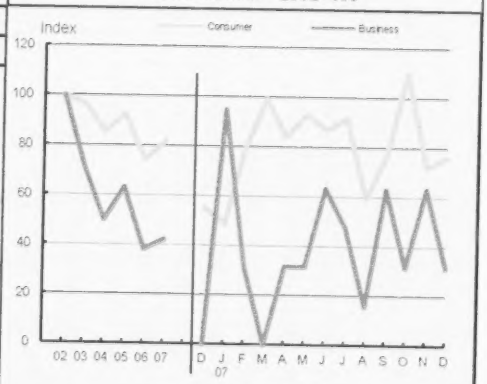
**Victoria Indices 2002=100**



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## Dependence on the Safety Net

### 10 Basic Income Assistance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

| Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group | | All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64 | Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19 | Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24 | 'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54 | Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region | Sep '08 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 0.7 |
| | Dec '08 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| | Mar '09 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 0.8 |
| | Jun '09 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 0.8 |
| | Sep '09 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0.8 |
| | Dec '09 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 0.8 |
| | Mar '10 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 0.9 |
| | Jun '10 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 0.8 |
| | Sep '10 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 0.8 |

### 11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

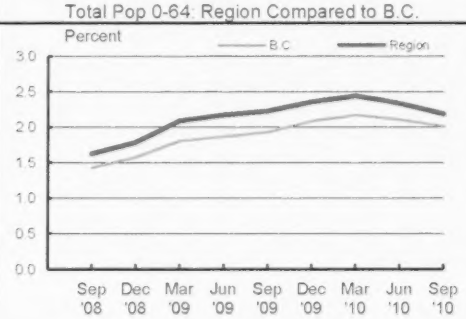
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

| Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64 | Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24 | 'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54 | 'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64 | Note Older Data |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.8 | Sep '07 |
| 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.2 | Dec '07 |
| 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.2 | Mar '08 |
| 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 1.9 | Jun '08 |
| 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0.9 | Sep '08 |
| 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 1.7 | Dec '08 |
| 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 2.5 | Mar '09 |
| 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 1.8 | Jun '09 |
| 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 1.6 | Sep '09 |

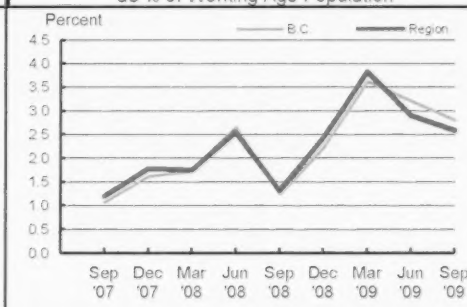
Duration of Dependence on Income Assistance (As of September 2010)

| | Region | B.C. |
|---|---|---|
| Total Number of Recipients | 13,523 | 75,506 |
| Percent Distribution by Duration | | |
| <1 Year | 55.5 | 56.9 |
| 1-2 Years | 24.8 | 24.5 |
| >2 Years | 19.7 | 18.6 |

All* Income Assistance Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.




EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population




Source: Ministry of Social Development administrative files and BC Stats population estimates. These figures include only a subset of those receiving income assistance. Excluded are those on Continuous Assistance (disabled or with persistent multiple barriers to employment, children in the home of a relative, and OAS/seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic income assistance'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on Reserve. Note: ' - ' Data too small to release.

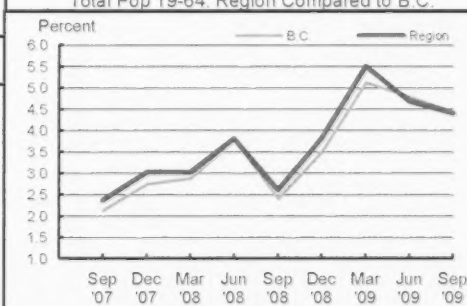
Source: Ministry of Social Development and BC Stats population estimates.

### 12 Dependence on Basic Income Assistance and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic Income Assistance Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

| Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group | | All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64 | Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24 | 'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54 | 'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region | Sep '07 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 1.2 |
| | Dec '07 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 1.6 |
| | Mar '08 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 1.6 |
| | Jun '08 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.4 | 2.2 |
| | Sep '08 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 1.3 |
| | Dec '08 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 2.1 |
| | Mar '09 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 6.3 | 3.1 |
| | Jun '09 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 2.4 |
| | Sep '09 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 2.3 |

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.




Note: This data should be revamped in early 2012 with EI data coming from Statistics Canada and IA data from Ministry of Social Development.

# Vancouver Island/Coast
## Development Region

## 13 Demographics

The population of Vancouver Island/Coast is over 3.5 years older than the provincial median. It has also aged at a faster rate than the provincial population, adding over nine years to its median age between 1986 and 2007, compared with a provincial gain of 7.2 years. Fertility rates have declined since the mid 1980s and have been consistently lower than provincial rates. Compared with the province as a whole, there are proportionately fewer children (aged 17 and younger) and more elderly (aged 65 and older) in this area. Consistent with the provincial pattern, there are more females than males. However, while the provincial ratio has about 98 males for every 100 females, there are only about 96 males for every 100 females in this region. Since the mid 1980's, the number of births has declined, while the number of deaths has climbed rapidly. Recently, deaths have exceeded births, resulting in negative natural increase since 2000-2001. Net migration has generally been positive, and was especially significant in the late 1980's to mid 1990's. Net migration is recovering from the lows of the late 1990s and net inflows in the last few years have been comparable to those seen in the early 1990s. However, declining natural increase has resulted in slower growth in the region compared with the earlier period.

## 14 Projection

Already negative, natural increase in this region is expected to continue to decline as deaths outnumber births by an increasing margin. However, net migration to the region is expected to tend to be highly positive over the duration of the projection period. This tendency will likely more than compensate for population losses due to the increasing number of deaths in the region. As a result, the population of the development region is expected to increase almost 25 percent by the year 2036. The population will continue to age and, by 2036, there will likely be almost 8 dependents for every 10 people of working age, with most of these dependents being seniors.

## 15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

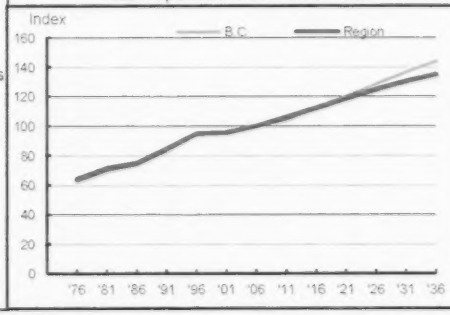
| Year | Population by age group, Thousands of persons | | | | | | | House-holds | Dependency Ratios | | | Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 0-4 | 5-17 | 18-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | All Ages | (,000) | Child | Elderly | Total | |
| 1976 | 31.7 | 106.2 | 62.1 | 121.8 | 99.3 | 55.1 | 476.2 | 165.1 | 0.487 | 0.194 | 0.681 | 1976 |
| 1981 | 34.9 | 99.7 | 68.2 | 153.5 | 106.6 | 68.1 | 531.0 | 200.0 | 0.410 | 0.208 | 0.618 | 1981 |
| 1986 | 36.8 | 95.6 | 58.7 | 172.3 | 111.5 | 81.7 | 556.6 | 224.6 | 0.387 | 0.238 | 0.625 | 1986 |
| 1991 | 39.7 | 105.0 | 56.2 | 201.2 | 127.6 | 99.1 | 628.7 | 250.4 | 0.376 | 0.257 | 0.633 | 1991 |
| 1996 | 40.4 | 118.5 | 59.9 | 217.6 | 158.6 | 109.9 | 705.0 | 288.3 | 0.364 | 0.252 | 0.617 | 1996 |
| 2001 | 33.0 | 114.3 | 61.1 | 195.4 | 188.4 | 118.6 | 710.7 | 299.7 | 0.331 | 0.267 | 0.598 | 2001 |
| 2006 | 31.7 | 107.4 | 65.2 | 182.1 | 226.9 | 131.4 | 744.7 | 317.9 | 0.293 | 0.277 | 0.570 | 2006 |
| 2011 | 33.9 | 97.8 | 72.6 | 187.8 | 249.8 | 147.2 | 789.1 | 344.2 | 0.258 | 0.289 | 0.547 | 2011 |
| 2016 | 37.0 | 99.3 | 65.7 | 205.1 | 246.4 | 181.0 | 834.6 | 372.5 | 0.263 | 0.350 | 0.613 | 2016 |
| 2021 | 39.3 | 107.0 | 61.1 | 220.7 | 239.5 | 215.3 | 882.8 | 395.4 | 0.281 | 0.413 | 0.694 | 2021 |
| 2026 | 39.3 | 115.2 | 63.5 | 226.3 | 238.2 | 245.8 | 928.3 | 416.5 | 0.293 | 0.465 | 0.758 | 2026 |
| 2031 | 38.3 | 120.2 | 68.6 | 226.1 | 247.0 | 268.7 | 968.8 | 436.8 | 0.293 | 0.496 | 0.789 | 2031 |
| 2036 | 38.5 | 120.8 | 74.2 | 224.7 | 267.0 | 279.0 | 1,004.2 | 456.7 | 0.282 | 0.493 | 0.775 | 2036 |

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

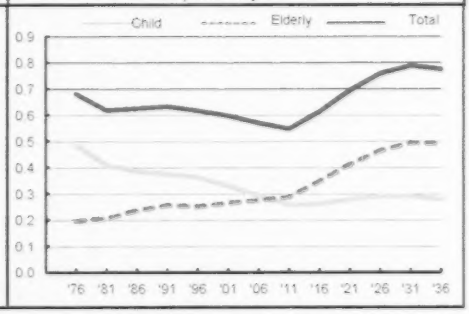
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 2006=100




Dependency Ratios




Source: Population data are Projection P-36, run in Summer 2011. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.
Note: Demographics and Projection notes in Tables 13 and 14 are from Projection P-33, run the Summer 2008.